CHAPTER NO. 616

SENATE BILL NO. 2175

By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2630

By Walley

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to the licensure of health care facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-206, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a), and adding a new subsection (b) as follows:
 - (b) Upon request by a licensee, the board shall have authority to place a license in an inactive status for a period determined by the board upon a finding that (1) the licensee has a need to suspend temporarily operations and (2) the licensee intends to continue operations after a period of suspension. Placing a license in an inactive status shall not relieve the licensee from the annual license fees imposed by Section 68-11-216, nor shall the holder of an inactive license be relieved of the obligations to comply with the provisions of Chapter 11, Part 1, of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 27, 2000

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of April 2000

DON SANDQUIST GOVERNOR